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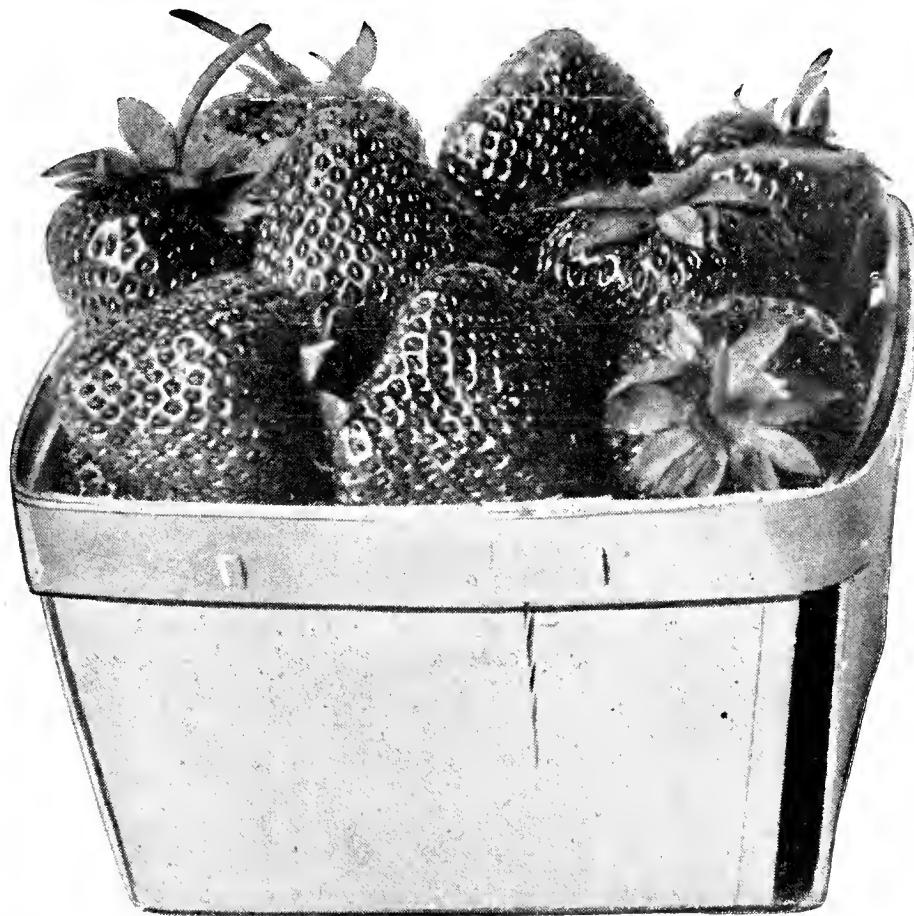


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# PERRY'S CATALOGUE

*Select Strawberry Plants  
and Garden Roots*



VEGETABLE  
SEED TRIALS  
HORTICULTURE

DORSETT  
The Outstanding New Early Strawberry

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## BASIL PERRY

Georgetown - - Delaware

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## Description of Varieties

**PREMIER.** Every strawberry grower has heard of the Premier for it is largely planted in almost all sections and by almost every strawberry grower. It is one of the best and most popular varieties ever introduced and claimed by many to be without an equal for any purpose. It is a success in almost all sections. The plants are good growers large and very heavy deep-rooted. It ripens with the earliest, is very productive, fruit is large and of delicious flavor, firm, a good keeper, ships well and sells for good prices. Many claim it is the most profitable variety they have ever grown. If you want a good early variety you will make no mistake in planting Premier. I have a large supply of large, healthy, heavy-rooted Premier plants and can fill your order for any quantity.

**HOWARD NO. 17.** This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

**FAIRFAX.** Released for introduction by the U. S. Department of Agriculture spring 1933. From our own observation of the Fairfax and Dorsett and all that has been said about them by the Department and Introducers they surely can be depended upon and we believe they will prove to be all that is claimed for them and if they do, no grower of Strawberries can afford to be without them. The foliage of the Fairfax seems very vigorous, even more so than the Premier, our old standard of comparison. The foliage and fruit stems extend well above the ground which tends to give clean fruit and make the fruit ripen more uniformly. The Fairfax ripens about the same time as Premier, and its fruiting season extends over a long period. In production tests for season of 1932 the Fairfax did not yield quite as heavy as Dorsett but held a big lead over Premier, its nearest rival, and twice as many berries as many of our old standard varieties. The quality of the Fairfax is equal to the best of our older varieties. The berries are large to very large, of a bright red color at picking time. Like the Bellmar it turns dark after being picked several days but retains its flavor and firmness. The Fairfax should be planted for both home and commercial use.

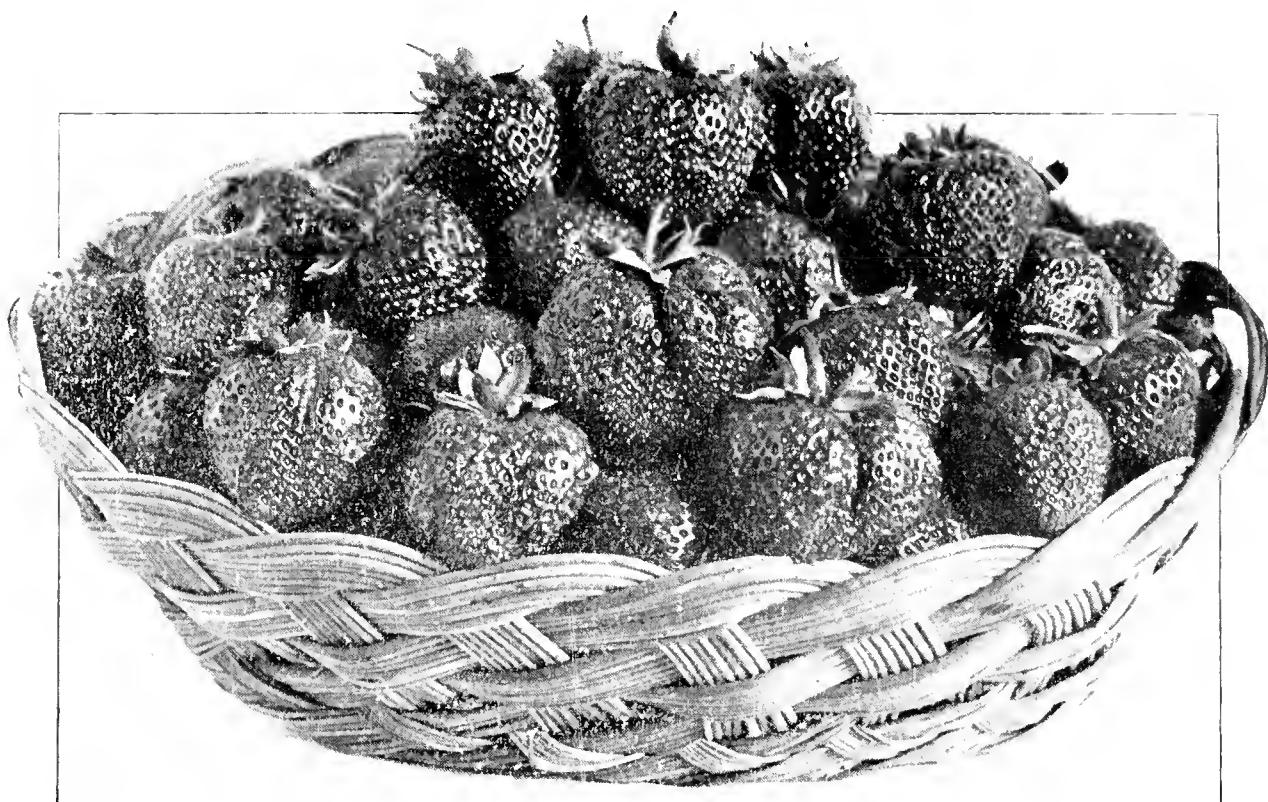
**DORSETT.** Released for introduction by the U. S. Department of Agriculture spring 1933. The Dorsett surely makes a worthy companion for the Fairfax and each of them seem to have their advantages. The foliage of Dorsett resembles that of Blakemore to some extent, apparently not being as vigorous as Fairfax but equally as resistant to diseases. The foliage and fruiting stems are more erect than Premier and it is a free plant maker. The fruit is usually conic in shape. The color is bright red similar to Blakemore. The berries will average much larger than Blakemore although not quite as large as Fairfax. The flavor of Dorsett is not equal to Fairfax but superior to other early berries and can be classed among the best. In production test made season of 1932 it outyielded the Fairfax considerable and naturally had a wide margin on all other varieties, Fairfax being its nearest rival. The Dorsett is not as firm as the Fairfax but is equal to Blakemore and more firm than Premier so should be a good commercial variety because of its productivity, attractive color, and excellent quality for an early berry.

**RIDGELY.** A very fine early variety. The plants are splendid growers. Large and healthy, with tall bluff, coarse foliage and heavy rooted. In productiveness it equals the most productive varieties and the fruit is large and very firm. The color is a rich, dark glossy red and the fruit of excellent quality. This berry is only three or four days later than the Premier in ripening and the fruit is so much like the Gandy that you will have to examine it closely to see the difference.

**BIG JOE.** Also known as Joe Johnson. One of the best, if not the best, of the mid-season varieties. The plants are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting beds on any soil that will produce strawberries. Makes good under nearly all conditions. Berries are firm, bright red in color, almost perfect in shape, of very large size and produced in great abundance for so large a berry. Sells for top prices. It is a fine table berry, and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market. For profit plant Big Joe; it is distinctly a money-maker.

**CHESAPEAKE.** Late. One of the handsomest and best flavored varieties. Nearly as late as Gandy, larger and just as firm, much more productive and without green tips. Berries are uniform in size and shape and are bright crimson in color.

**NEW YORK (Corsican).** Midseason. A very good one for home use or nearby market. Fruit is large to extra large; flavor is mild, sweet and rich.



A Basket of Our Famous Mastodon Everbearing.

## MASTODON--The World's Best Everbearer

We hope you will plant some of our heavy yielding strain of guaranteed true to name Mastodon. We grew the largest crop of berries from this strain of Mastodon we have ever had the pleasure to pick and the demand was so great we were unable to supply our trade with these improved berries.

Mastodon is a strong, vigorous grower, producing big, juicy, sparkling red berries of the most delicious flavor, with a bright green cap and are firm enough to carry hundreds of miles in perfect condition and command top price in any market. Mastodon begins fruiting 90 days after the plants are set and keep right on till hard freezing weather in the fall, fruits again with the standard varieties the next spring and after a lay-off of two or three weeks, start fruiting again and with careful attention will produce for another season or possibly longer. We have selected our plants for the past six years and now feel we have the best Mastodon plants that can be found. We sold hundreds of thousands of these plants last year and have a fine supply for the coming season. We recommend Mastodon for a sure quick money crop.

**LUCKY STRIKE** (Everbearing). Becoming very popular with some growers for home use and local market proving superior to Champion or Progressive. I do not think it equal to Mastodon. A persistent yielder of medium to large berries of very good quality and appearance; makes plants freely and is a vigorous grower. Try a few plants in your garden this year.

JAMES VAN BUREN OF NEW YORK, says: "Enclosed find order for 500 Mastodon Strawberry Plants. The Mastodon you sent me last spring were A No. 1 and produced enough for my own use from July 24th to December 2nd. Of course with the short days and lack of sunshine the last berries were not much colored, in fact, the very last were frozen solid but were eatible when stewed. The Mastodon strawberry fills a long felt want in the family garden."

## Price List of STRAWBERRY PLANTS

	By Parcel Post Prepaid		By Parcel Post or Express Purchaser to pay charges			
	25 Plants	50 Plants	100 Plants	100 Plants	500 Plants	1000 Plants
Premier	\$0.25	\$0.45	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$3.00
Howard 17	.25	.45	.75	.50	1.50	3.00
Big Joe	.25	.45	.75	.50	1.50	3.00
Ridgely	.25	.45	.75	.50	1.50	3.00
Aberdeen	.25	.45	.75	.50	1.50	3.00
Gandy	.25	.45	.75	.50	1.50	3.00
Chesapeake	.30	.55	1.00	.75	2.50	5.00
New York (Corsican)	.35	.65	1.25	1.00	3.00	6.00
Mastodon (Everbearing)	.35	.65	1.25	1.00	3.00	6.00
Lucky Strike (Everbearing)	.35	.65	1.25	1.00	3.00	6.00
Dorsett	.50	.80	1.50	1.25	5.00	10.00
Fairfax	.50	.80	1.50	1.25	5.00	10.00

### SWEET POTATO PLANTS

Yellow Jersey and Nancy Hall varieties ready from about May 10th to July 1st. Price, 50c per 100; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$3.00 postpaid.

### ASPARAGUS ROOTS

**MARY WASHINGTON**—Washington Asparagus is generally recognized to be the best variety—and Mary Washington the best strain of that variety. Leading asparagus growers say that it starts earlier, produces more and larger stalks, possesses the highest rust-resistance and will net more money per acre or more satisfaction in the home garden. Price of good strong two year old roots, 25 for 50c; 50 for 80c; 100 for \$1.50, postpaid. By express purchaser to pay charges, \$1.00 per 100; 500 for \$4.00; 1000 for \$8.00.

### RHUBARB ROOTS

**MYATT'S LINNAEUS**—The earliest and best variety. The stalks grow very large and often 2 inches wide are light green and scarlet. Requires less sugar than other kinds. Price of good strong roots, 20c each; 3 for 50c; 6 for 80c; 12 for \$1.25, postpaid. By express purchaser to pay charges, 12 for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$4.00.

**MRS. ARTHUR W. BASSETT OF RHODE ISLAND**, says: I was certainly delighted with the Strawberry Plants I bought of you two years ago. They proved to be the best I have ever planted."

**MARGARET D. HOWELL OF CONNECTICUT**, says: "The Mastodon Everbearing Strawberry Plants you sent me three years ago have been wonderful in taste and quantity."

**MRS. GEORGE C. CARR OF RHODE ISLAND**, says: "I never saw finer strawberry plants and they arrived in excellent condition."

**RUDOLPH JOHNSON OF MASSACHUSETTS**, says: "Was very much pleased with the thousand Mastodon."

**BENJ. E. GODDARD OF VERMONT**, says: "The Strawberry plants arrived O. K. All in good order. Thanks for promptness."